

2nd June 1810

To Mr G Van Crombrughe, Brewer in Grammont, Dept of the Escaut

Very dear Father and Mother

I hope that your return journey was happy, and that my dear Father's health continues to improve and that you are reconciled to the departure of my brother Jean, who is putting much effort into his business here and is ably assisted his Wife. I thank the Good Lord with all my heart, and do not doubt at all that He gives His blessing to this young Wife who hopefully will live happily under His law.

I have not heard for a while about my Uncle the Regent, and would be happy to receive some good news. I would like to think the news would be good but I fear... However I never cease to offer prayers for him to the Lord and I dare to believe that He will grant them some day; if he is in state to hear you, please convey my respectful sentiments to him.

Please, if it is possible, send me my night-cap and my bathrobe as soon as possible, and may I ask you to give my good wishes to my Aunts Huleu and De Backer, to François, to our cousin etc. Last Thursday I went to see the girls at the convent; they are well and present you their respects and Rosalie asks you for your blessing, as do I.

I have the honour to very sincerely call myself

Your very devoted son

Gent 2nd June 1810.

C Van Crombrughe

